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Dear Ms. Nolan:

It has come to the attention of the Committee that there may be documents relating to non-records managed e-mails from the Office of the Vice President (OVP) that have not been produced in response to the Committee's March 9, 2000, subpoena. It is our understanding that there may be several Office of Administration (OA) memoranda, including one written to the Vice President himself, relating to non-records managed e-mails.

The Committee's subpoena calls for "all records relating to the discovery, diagnosis, planned, implemented, or partially implemented solutions to problems associated with the Automatic Records Management System ('ARMS') process and the failure to collect e-mail messages (also known as 'Project X' or 'Mail2 reconstruction project') from the Executive Office of the President ('EOP') mail servers[.]" Because OVP is a part of EOP, any memoranda or other records relating to the failure to records manage properly OVP e-mails are responsive to the Committee's subpoena. While all responsive records must be produced, we are most concerned about memoranda from February or March of 1999.

From the start of this investigation, your office has acknowledged that the e-mail problem in the OVP is a central part of the Committee's investigation. I would appreciate it if you could determine if all responsive records relating to the OVP's e-mail problem have been produced to the Committee.

Sincerely,

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